

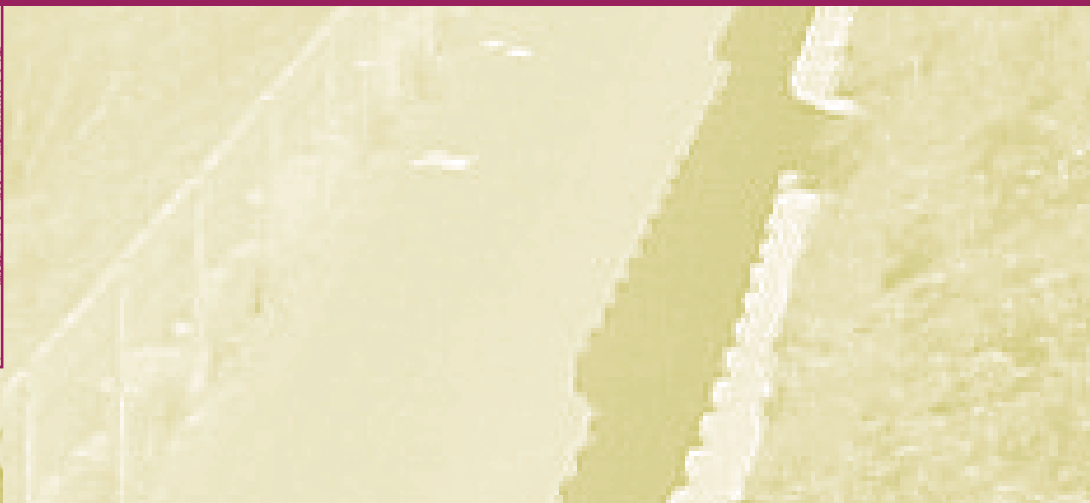
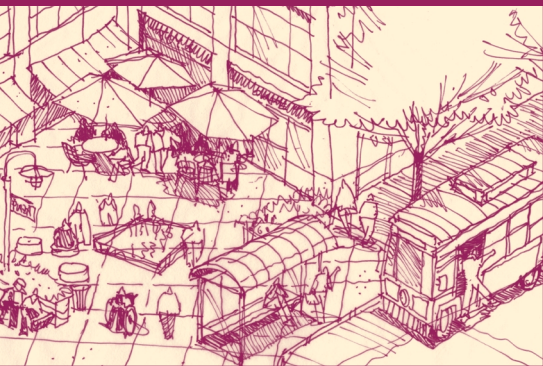
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neighborhood improvement plan

Burbank/Del Monte



STRONG NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE



Burbank/Del Monte: Vision of the Future

EARLY IN THE PLANNING PROCESS, COMMUNITY WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS AND NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS DESCRIBED A SHARED VISION FOR THE BURBANK/DEL MONTE NEIGHBORHOOD'S FUTURE.

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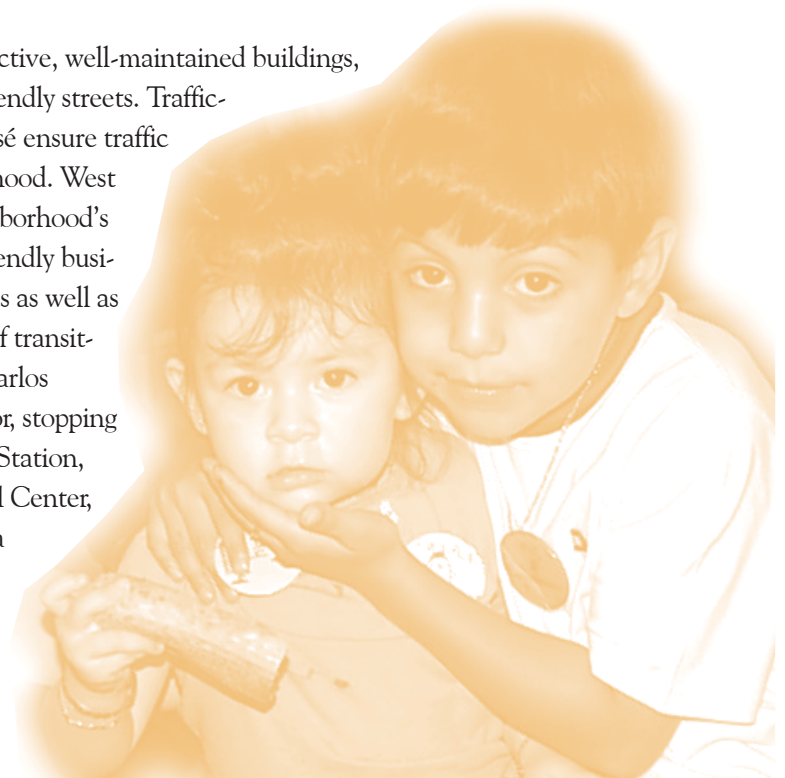
Burbank/Del Monte is a safe, desirable place for families to live, work and play. Residents feel a unique sense of place based on the neighborhood's historic character. Renovated brick buildings and bungalows contribute to the charm of the neighborhood, and the preserved Burbank Theater and Del Monte tower provide a connection to the past. Small groves of fruit trees have also been planted to reflect the history of agriculture in the area.

Residential areas are attractive, appropriately scaled, and well-maintained, with accessible walkways and bike paths that encourage pedestrian circulation. Scott Street/Auzerais serves as a major east-west pedestrian link through the neighborhood. The street is characterized by pedestrian amenities, street trees and pocket parks, terminating in a community park at Los Gatos Creek.

The neighborhood has convenient access to community facilities, including a neighborhood center with space for musical and theater performances, as well as educational and recreational programs for all ages. Plenty of neighborhood parks and the extended Los Gatos Creek Trail provide places to play and enjoy the outdoors.

The area has a vital commercial center with attractive, well-maintained buildings, landscaping, adequate parking, and pedestrian-friendly streets. Traffic-calming measures instituted by the City of San José ensure traffic moves smoothly and safely through the neighborhood. West San Carlos Street and Bascom Avenue, the neighborhood's commercial spines, are characterized by family-friendly businesses with many neighborhood-serving retail uses as well as mixed office, retail and residential uses. A series of transit-oriented pocket parks and plazas line West San Carlos Street and a historic trolley runs along the corridor, stopping regularly at key destinations, such as the Diridon Station, San José City College, Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, Downtown, Valley Fair Shopping Center, Santana Row, and the Winchester corridor.

Neighbors have pride in their community and work together on community issues. Residents, business owners, property owners and the City all contribute to the common goal of caring for the people and neighborhood of Burbank/Del Monte.





Creating a more pedestrian-friendly environment is a high priority for residents.

Executive Summary

The *Burbank/Del Monte Neighborhood Improvement Plan* was developed as a partnership between residents, businesses, and the City of San José as part of the Strong Neighborhoods Initiative launched in February, 2001. Community members identified goals that would bring about positive changes and help the neighborhood achieve its vision:

- Goal A: Develop Parks and Open Space**
- Goal B: Provide Community Facilities in the Neighborhood**
- Goal C: Create a Pedestrian-Friendly Environment**
- Goal D: Improve Circulation, Transportation and Parking**
- Goal E: Strengthen Economic Development**
- Goal F: Revitalize Housing**
- Goal G: Beautify the Neighborhood**
- Goal H: Encourage Maintenance and Stewardship**
- Goal I: Improve Programs, Services and Community Organization**

Many of Burbank/Del Monte community members' top priorities are related to park development throughout the neighborhood.



These goals now form the foundation of an action plan that includes over 100 specific actions for improving the neighborhood.

Through a series of community and Neighborhood Advisory Committee meetings, Burbank/Del Monte residents prioritized these actions and selected the following as top priorities to focus initial efforts and resources towards in the Burbank/Del Monte neighborhood:

1. Complete development of the Buena Vista Tot Lot, and acquire the parcel at Scott Street and Clifton Avenue for use as a pocket park.
2. Designate Scott Street and Auzerai Avenue as the primary pedestrian/bikeway through the neighborhood and complete streetscape improvements.
3. Conduct a feasibility study for developing a “freeway park” over Interstate-280.
4. Work with San José City College to develop a shared 17,000 square foot multi-use recreation facility/community center at San José City College.
5. Conduct a programs/services inventory and a facility needs assessment, and identify possible sites for neighborhood facilities as needed to fill service gaps.
6. Initiate a regular annual bulky waste pick-up as part of the waste management contracts, and hold ongoing neighborhood clean-up events.
7. Strengthen Code Enforcement and Housing programs to help ensure that residential units are improved and well-maintained.
8. Create an economic development strategy for West San Carlos Street and Bascom Avenue.
9. Establish a specialty trolley service along West San Carlos Street and Bascom Avenue.
10. Develop a new public neighborhood park along Los Gatos Creek at Auzerai Avenue.

These priority actions are further described in the *Strategic Action Plan* section of this document.



Improving programs and services are key goals for residents.



Economic development and improved circulation and access are important aspects of the neighborhood vision.

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